

Dr. Mullins is adored by many because of his unyielding zeal to help others and his passion for promoting harmonious relations among individuals from various backgrounds and different walks of life. Throughout my many years of association with Dr. Mullins, I have come to observe that it is his intrinsic intelligence and high academic acumen that make him wise, but it is his kind heart and charitable character that speak to why he is so widely beloved.

In light of his many accomplishments, my wife Vivian and I would like to extend our personal congratulations and warmest regards to Dr. Mullins, his beloved wife the former Josephine Lovejoy Ferrell, their children and grandchildren. I know that residents all throughout Georgia's Second Congressional District will forever be indebted to the Mullins family for selflessly allowing Dr. Mullins to be a mentor, father-figure and counselor to countless other families in communities throughout southwest Georgia.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Mullins for his noteworthy and dynamic career as one of our nation's most profound theologians, principled community leaders and thoughtful humanitarians.

TO HONOR THE LATE LEE ROY
SELMON

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and career of Lee Roy Selmon, a Hall of Fame football player and a pillar of the Tampa Bay community. As a player, Lee Roy Selmon was one of the greatest Buccaneers of all time, and his post-football career was equally distinguished.

The youngest of nine children, Lee Roy Selmon would join two of his older brothers on the defensive line at the University of Oklahoma in 1972. Referred to as a "Gentle Giant" by his peers, he would go on to be elected to the College Football Hall of Fame, leading Oklahoma to two national championships in 1974 and 1975. In 1999 Sports Illustrated magazine selected Selmon as a member of their NCAA Football All-Century Team.

In 1976, Selmon would join the Tampa Bay community as the first-ever draft pick of the expansion Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He proceeded to distinguish himself as one of the greatest NFL players of all time; during his career with the Buccaneers, he was selected to six consecutive Pro Bowls and named the NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 1979. The Buccaneers retired his number, 63, in 1986, and in 1995 he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. In 2008, Lee Roy Selmon became the first-ever inductee into the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Ring of Honor, a fitting distinction for the original Buccaneer.

Lee Roy Selmon's professional accomplishments after his retirement from football are numerous; he was a philanthropist and a banker, an athletic director and an entrepreneur. The University of South Florida football program will forever bear his mark—as the Athletic Director during the Bull's emergence as a Division 1-A football team, the program greatly benefitted from Selmon's able stewardship.

Above all, those who knew Lee Roy Selmon speak of his decency, his kindness, his gentle nature, and his integrity as often as they speak of his athletic and professional accomplishments. He was undoubtedly one of the Tampa Bay area's greatest ambassadors.

The Tampa Bay community is proud to honor the life of Lee Roy Selmon, a great athlete and a man of character. His greatness and his humility continue to inspire those who knew him, and I ask that you and all Americans join me in honoring such a remarkable man.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT THEO-
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HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Saint Theodosius Cathedral, the oldest Orthodox parish in the State of Ohio.

The St. Theodosius parish was founded in 1896 and is the oldest Orthodox parish in the State of Ohio. The Cathedral was built by Russian immigrants in 1911 and has been a landmark in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood ever since. St. Theodosius was the first Orthodox Church in the State of Ohio and for years was the only Orthodox Church in the City of Cleveland. It has had a rich history and attracted a multitude of parishioners from many of Cleveland's cultural groups.

St. Theodosius Cathedral is on the National Registry of Sacred Landmarks and is a Cleveland Sacred Landmark. The Cathedral also joined the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.

The St. Theodosius Parish will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Cathedral September 9th through 11th with a series of liturgical and social events.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of the 100th anniversary of St. Theodosius Cathedral. I hope their celebration this weekend will be joyous and reflective of the rich, spiritual history of the parish.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, September 12, 2011, I was unable to return to Washington, DC for votes, due to an important family event.

Had I been present I would have voted: on rollcall No. 699—"yes"—H.R. 2076, Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act of 2011; on rollcall No. 700—"yes"—H.R. 2633, Appeal Time Clarification Act; on rollcall No. 701—"yes"—H.R. 1059, To protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact information contained in their financial disclosure reports.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. THOMAS
TIGHE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Thomas Tighe, a resident of Sayreville, New Jersey and an outstanding member of the community. On September 10, 2011, members of the Plumbers & Pipefitters Local Union Number 9 will honor Mr. Tighe at the Annual Dinner Dance in New Brunswick, New Jersey. His commitment to serve the members of the community is truly worthy of this body's recognition.

Mr. Tighe is an active member in the Middlesex County community. Tom began his career in 1971 serving a five-year apprenticeship in the United Association of Plumbers & Pipefitters with Local 270 in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Over the last forty-one years, he proudly served as an Executive Board Member and Trustee for the Pension, Welfare and Surety Fund for the United Association of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 9. In 1994, Tom was elected President of Local 9. The following year he became the first United Association organizer in the State of New Jersey and held this position until his retirement in 2011. In 2000, Tom was also appointed head of the newly formed New Jersey Building Trades Organizing Committee. Consequently, he was reappointed to head the Mega Base Organizing Committee to regain union work at the old Fort Dix, McGuire Air Force Base and Lakehurst Naval Station in South Jersey in 2005.

Mr. Tighe currently serves as the Local 9 delegate and president of the Middlesex and Somerset Counties AFL-CIO Labor Council. In affiliation with the New Jersey and national AFL-CIO, members of this organization continue to support and represent labor and trade unions in their pursuit for social and economic justice in the workplace. Through his role as President, Mr. Tighe has encouraged and motivated his members to become involved in the legislative process through activism and awareness. Since 2009, Tom has served as President and admirably represents all the union members in Middlesex and Somerset counties.

In conjunction with his professional responsibilities, Tom served as President of the Middlesex County Ancient Order of Hibernians and is the past president of the David B. Kelly Chapter, Division I of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in South Amboy, New Jersey. Since 1997, Tom has served as a member of the Sayreville, New Jersey Planning Board and Vice Chair for the past three years. He currently serves as the vice president of the Middlesex County College Board of Trustees and Trustee Ambassador for the New Jersey Council of County College. He is also the Treasurer of the Kiddie Keep Well Camp for underprivileged children in Middlesex County. A former scoutmaster, Tom is currently a committee member for Boy Scout Troop 97 and was recently named the recipient of the prestigious 2009 Boy Scouts of America Man of the Year Award. Tom is happily married to his wife Diane for twenty-nine years. Together, they have two sons, Ryan and Daniel, who are currently attending college.